



1. *St. Paul the Apostle <<Therefore do not be ashamed to confess our Lord, nor of me, who is chained for him, but suffer with me for the gospel according to the power of God.>> Timothy 1:8*
2. *The Holy Apostle Peter<<Shepherd the flock of God given to your care, examining it not with force, but with good will, according to God, not for ugly gain, but for love. Not as if you were masters over the churches, but as examples to the flock.>> 1 Peter 5. 2-3*
3. *< The wrath of the Lord is revealed from heaven over all the iniquity and unrighteousness of men who hold unrighteousness to be the truth. > Romans 1:18 <Do not be deceived: God does not allow Himself to be mocked; for what a man sows, that he will also reap.> Galatians 6:7*

His Eminence Irineu, Archbishop of Craiova and Metropolitan of Oltenia

Through the prayers of the Most Holy Theotokos, of the Holy Angels, of our Holy Fathers, of all the Saints, Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Almost a year has passed since the so-called "council" of Crete, and the fruits of this "council" which by its decisions broke the unity of the Church are turmoil and division; things that produce schism in the Church. We strive to free the Church from schisms and divisions, which is why we hereby officially announce that before the synodic investigation we have interrupted the communion of faith with His Eminence Your Eminence Irineu and with all those who are in this fellowship of faith. **Therefore we protest :**

- I. Against the decisions of the "Pan-Orthodox Council" of Crete 16 – 26 June 2016, the so-called "Great and Holy";
- II. Against the annulment of the right to defend our Orthodox faith by virtue of the decisions of the Council of Crete, despite the provisions of the Romanian Constitution that guarantee the freedom of manifestation of faith;
- III. Against the measures of deposition of some priests, the expulsion from the monastery of some monks and nuns; the decisions, the measures of the "synod" of the B.O.R of October 29, 2016 which ratify the decisions of the "pan-Orthodox council" of Crete which abolish, from the beginning, a priori, the rights provided by the Holy Canons of all the Orthodox faithful, of some who have already opposed as well as of others who intend to oppose the decisions of this "synod" of Crete and its abusive measures that pervert and restrict Christian duties;
- IV. Against the permanence of the Romanian Orthodox Church (B.O.R.) in the World Council of Churches (WCC), a Protestant and anti-Orthodox discussion platform;
- V. Against the decision taken unanimously by the Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church of February 25, 2009 supplemented by the decision 638 / 2009 on the issue of new electronic passports that include biometric data, a decision that constitutes the official position of the Romanian Orthodox Church so far regarding electronic documents with CIP, against the will of an important part of the Church's propaganda manifested by repeated street protests.

Mentions and explanations:

1. The Pan-Orthodox Council of Crete will bear the acronym - S.P.C.;
2. The Romanian Orthodox Church will bear the acronym - B.O.R.;
3. The World Council of Churches will bear the acronym – C.M.B.;
4. The Fold of the Church constitutes the totality of the faithful - P.B.O.;

I. Arguments for which we consider the texts of the "council" of Crete to be of a Heretical Council Legalizing Heresy – Ecumenism:

1. The ROCOR Synod composed of 40 bishops gathered at the Transfiguration Hermitage, Mansonville, Canada, from July 28 to August 10, 1983, a Synod that anathematized ecumenism together with the ecumenists, and in September 2006, the ROCOR Synod of Bishops reconfirmed the 1983 Anathema as part of the acts of canonical communion with the Moscow Patriarchate. At this ROCOR Council, the <Branch Theory> and the <Theory of Incomplete Churches>, of those who claim that baptism and the Eucharist of heretics, under the pretext of brotherly love or the supposed union of separated Christians, are valid for salvation, were anathematized.
2. The Assembly in Crete of June 16-26, 2016 with claims announced by the Pan-Orthodox Council took place in reality without informing and consulting the people in front of the Holy Altar, neither before nor after this event, a truth that each of the faithful present at the life of the Church confirmed. This unorthodox attitude, the amoral behavior betrays hidden and anti-Orthodox interests. I noticed in the logo of the "synod" the elements foreign to the Tradition of the Orthodox Church found in other faiths, namely Papist, Masonic, Occult-Jewish

and esoteric-Satanist symbols (such as the Tree of Life in Kabbalah). The event reveals serious deviations from the True Faith and recognizes ecumenism as dogm.

3. The presence at the works of delegations of heretical communities – official guests as "brothers";
4. The S.P.C. began its activity without first ratifying all the terms of the Holy Canons well documented by the previous Ecumenical Councils, so as to achieve organic continuity;
5. The organizational regulations imposed a new form of leadership foreign to Orthodoxy, the documents being voted only by the 14 heads – Patriarchs of the Orthodox Churches, according to the papal model;
6. *The Council of Crete – in the thesis <Relations of the Orthodox Church with the whole Christian world> accepted the "historical" name of "churches" conferred on heresies, thus accepting the idea that outside the Orthodox Church there would be other forms of "church".* This idea is a transposition into practice of John Calvin's heretical idea of the "sad remnants of the true Church", taken up by the Roman Catholic theology of the "incomplete Churches", supported by the Second Vatican Council and introduced into Orthodox thought by Ioannis Zizioulas, through the *Toronto Declaration*, which speaks of "ecclesia extra ecclesiam" ("Church outside the Church").
7. Through the signed decisions, the S.P.C. violates the very Creed – the Orthodox Symbol of Faith: I believe in one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
 - The signatories of the S.P.C. renounce the oneness - **ONE Orthodox**, accepting the term <churches> which they attribute to heresies outside the Orthodox Church, accrediting the *theory "the lost unity of the Church" or "the restoration of the unity of Christians"*, when in fact the unity of the ONE Church has never been lost, it means the unity of faith of the Orthodox Church.
 - The signatories of the S.P.C. renounce the **Orthodox catholicity** in order to embrace the papal way of conceiving the catholicity of the Church by accepting the document that speaks of the realization of the "Holy Catholic Church", through the "rediscovery of the lost unity" of all the members of the C.M.B., starting from this minimal basis of those who "manifest unity in Christ".
8. He formalized the heresy of ecumenism as a practice by legalizing the possibility of mixed marriages between the Orthodox and the heretic, moving the boundary set by the Holy Fathers and canceling the boundary set by the Holy Spirit through the Holy Canons between light and darkness. The Pidalion's interpretation of mixed marriages is the "ungodly marriage"; how can the priest marry and invite a heretic to become "one body" with an Orthodox, administering the Holy Mysteries of the Church, forced by the hierarch's order to unite against the Will of God the ununited? Even from the texts of the "council" of Crete it is evident that the acrivia of the Holy Canon 72 Trulan to which reference is made, a Holy Canon that obliges the dissolution of mixed marriages if they were made. Therefore, the Unitarian practice at the level of Orthodoxy was annulled, leaving the decision to the discretionary discretion of each Autocephalous Church, which brings division and enmity within the Church.
 - *In fact, the possibility of officiating these mixed marriages was legalized through <economy> - dispensation and the reception of non-Orthodox people into the Church without Holy Orthodox Baptism!*
 - This ecumenical practice consists in forcing the hand of priests obliged (under penalty of disobedience to the superior) to apply on the one hand an internal regulation of the B.O.R. called <Rules of Procedure of the Disciplinary and Trial Courts of the ROC"> and on the other hand an ecclesiastical practice of reception without Baptism by virtue of the priest's obligation to respect the decisions taken by the B.O.R. in Lima in 1982 on the mutual (interconfessional) recognition of Baptism, the Eucharist and the Ministry (it takes the place of the Holy Sacrament of the Priesthood).

<In the **Service of Engagement and Marriage**, a new edition printed after the Assembly in Crete by the Publishing House of the Orthodox Biblical and Mission Institute, Bucharest, 2016, prefaced by His Eminence Daniel, writes on page 21: *"By the Rules of Procedure of the Disciplinary and Judicial Courts of the Romanian Orthodox Church (art.47) the officiation of mixed marriages has been FORMALLY stopped, these being allowed only with the approval of the tenant of the place, and those of other Christian denominations are INVITED, before marriage, to become Orthodox Christians. In any case, the children who will be born will be baptized into the Orthodox Church."*>

9. In addition to these fundamental errors, which **constitute ecclesiological heresies**, the "council" of Crete adhered to the New-Agist ideology of ecology, imposing a feast of prayer for the environment, in which to pray together with the Roman Catholics "for creation". *The S.P.C. accepted the civil impediments to marriage, putting the Church in danger of being forced to accept homosexual marriages (L.G.B.T.), it* consecrated the descents for mixed marriages with heretics, introducing ecumenism at the level of the family, it accepted the descents at the level of the local Churches for fasting, destabilizing the unity of liturgical practice in this extremely important aspect.



II. Arguments against the annulment of the right to defend our Orthodox faith

Item 22 of the document <Relations of the Orthodox Church with the whole Christian world> violates first of all the oath and promise taken before the people in front of the Holy Altar by the Metropolitan of Oltenia, His Eminence Irenaeus, at the Hypopsification Service. The canonical and dogmatic decisions of an Ecumenical or Pan-Orthodox Council are received in the Orthodox Church by acceptance or rejection by **the Church's *plyroma***, that is, by **the inferior clergy and the righteous people**, who are in a position to challenge the heretical decisions of a Council, which is attested as a practice throughout the history of the Church at all times and every manual of Orthodox ecclesiastical law.

III. Arguments brought for the annulment of the measures taken at the level of the Synodal B.O.R. against hierarchs, priests, monks, nuns and laity (Church *pleroma*) who oppose the decisions of the Council of Crete and the abusive measures instituted by it

The process of disfigurement and annulment of the communion of Orthodox faith in the Romanian Orthodox Church is also fueled by the renunciation in the Romanian Orthodox Church of the synodal system of organization and the acceptance at the level of the Romanian Orthodox Church of a papistocentric system of organization - of the Jesuit type, based on extreme secrecy and blind hierarchical submission - indiscriminately encountered in the systems of the Inquisition of sad memory. This state of affairs is reflected down to the lowest level of the laity who are deprived of minimal information, catechesis and consultation in the affairs of the Orthodox Church, and proof of this are the decisions of the S.P.C. which oblige the punishment of any kind of internal communication and consultation in the Church, to the detriment of an external dialogue engaged as a mission of the Orthodox Church with the organized assemblies of heretics, who are outside the Orthodox Church. We cannot remain blind, unmoved by the pain of our brothers in Christ, our confessors, priests, monks and nuns who receive the reprisals of the confession of the Orthodox faith through persecution, deposition, demotion from office, evictions from monasteries, coercion, harassment of monks and priests operated at the level of the Romanian Orthodox Church by establishing a climate of fear and terror of those who would naturally dare to keep their soul and faith pure for their salvation or, in the case of our confessors and pastors, of the flock they shepherd.

It is necessary to list the abuses recorded to date:

- The evacuation from the monastery of the 13 nuns from the Holy Monastery of Varatec in the middle of winter.
- The persecution of the monks from the Rădeni hermitage, of Father Pamvo and of the monks.
- The deposition, the exodus from monasticism and the prohibition of wearing the monastic habit of the hieromonk Onisim Adrian Banu from Făgețel, Harghita County,
- The deposition of the priest Staicu Ciprian from Brașov, the deposition of the priest Claudiu Buză from Urziceni, the harassment of Father Ioan Miron from Turdaș (Alba), the coercion of Father Grigorie from the Lacul Frumos – Vâlcea hermitage.

IV. Arguments against the Romanian Orthodox Church (ROC) remaining in the World Council of the Church (WCC)

By its very membership, the B.O.R. is outside the Spirit of Orthodoxy, which urges us to confess the Truth and not to deny Him through discussion and dialogue, words that are not found anywhere in the Holy Scripture or in the Patristic Texts of the Holy Orthodox Tradition.

V. Arguments against the decision taken unanimously by the Syndul of the Romanian Orthodox Church of 25 February 2009 regarding the official position of the Romanian Orthodox Church in relation to the electronic documents with CIP containing biometric data.

This synodal decision substantiates the official position of the Romanian Orthodox Church regarding electronic documents with CIP, which forces us to a single choice and prevents us from having the possibility, in front of all state public institutions, to benefit from a Christian version of electronic documents with CIP, file based on number (personal numerical code), knowing that these works precede the antichrist seal "*the sign*", that is, *the name of the beast, or the number of the name of the beast*". - "*the number of the beast; for it is a man's number. And its number is six hundred and sixty-six.*" prophesied in the Apocalypse of St. John the Theologian: <<*And she compels all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, to put a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads. So that no one can buy or sell, except he who has the mark, that is, the name of the beast, or the number of the name of the beast.*>>

We, a number of believers from the Metropolis of Oltenia:



We consider the S.P.C. a heretical assembly that produces negative effects against the Church, and against which we must restrict, and its acceptance of the heresy of ecumenism "a-all-heresy (pan-heresy)" as it is defined. For this reason we have decided not to participate in the Holy Services, where the synodal hierarchs who participated in the decisions of the "council" of Crete and which they approved by signature are commemorated. It is a duty of conscience to refrain from heresy along with the priests who interrupted the commemoration and thus remained in our Holy Romanian Orthodox Church. Therefore, by this Letter, we officially announce that before a Research Council, we interrupt the communion of faith with Your Eminence Metropolitan Irineu and with those in this heretical fellowship.

- We demand respect for the right to preserve and defend our Orthodox faith as a divine right to salvation.
- We ask you to repent and dare in Christ to renounce the ecumenical panheresy officially legalized by the local "synod" of the Romanian Orthodox Church in October 2016, which ratified the texts of the "synod" of Crete that you signed together with the delegation of the Romanian Orthodox Church.
- We assure you of all our unconditional support in Christ, as a living and awake part of the Romanian Orthodox people of the Metropolis of Oltenia – the Romanian Orthodox Church, in all your Holiness' effort to return to the True Faith documented by the Holy Canons of the Holy Fathers from the terrible panheresy – ecumenism – religious syncretism under which, knowingly and unknowingly, you have decided to bury the salvation of the Romanian nation.
- We ask for the creation of the ecclesiastical institutional framework that will make it possible to return to a reality of the practice enshrined in the O.B. that has been abandoned and eliminated, through which the true way of coming (conversion) to the True Faith of the heterodox is offered - to those outside the Orthodox Church, whether they are heretics or pagans, only through Holy Baptism made with three immersions, through the rejection of heresies and catechization of catechumens.
- We do not want you to defile the memory and true history of the Romanian people, written with the blood of so many Martyrs for the preservation of the Holy Tradition of our Dear Orthodoxy, for which the Holy Fathers of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church have well dogmatized at the Holy Ecumenical Councils.

We disavow and condemn the regrettable fall into the Romanian Orthodox Church on the occasion of the signing of the Chambesy agreement in 1993, the false union between the Orthodox and the Monophysites, where the decisions were secretly signed by the former Patriarch – Teoctist and by the hierarchs Nestor Vornicescu, Teofan Sinaitul and Irineu Slătineanu, by which the anathemas were lifted and it was decided to re-establish the ecclesial union.

We also note with sorrow and regret the participation of Your Eminence in the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah in December 2015 in violation of the Holy Apostolic Canon 70, a serious compromise that a bishop and even more so a metropolitan with an authentic Orthodox conscience should never do, especially in a country with a profoundly Orthodox tradition of a Romanian people that is known for its Orthodox conscience that gave the Saints and Martyrs to the Orthodox Church.

We, some of the faithful of the Metropolis of Oltenia, wish to pray through this letter that in the eventual future situations in which the priests and monks of the Metropolis of Oltenia will proceed canonically to interrupt the commemoration of Your Eminence as hierarch of the place, you will kindly reflect that the motivation of the priests and monks is not to revolt against Your Eminence, but is a canonical measure of defense of the flock against the heresy of ecumenism formalized in Crete and, at the same time, an invitation to publicly renounce all the heresies decided at the "council" of Crete! As laymen of the Metropolis of Oltenia, signatories of this letter and living members of the Church of Christ, we want to acrimoniously respect the Holy Canons of the Holy Fathers, following the line drawn and followed by the patron saints of Oltenia, the great Romanian confessors and theologians, among whom we mention: Saint Nicodemus the Sanctified, Saint Gregory the Decapolite, the Holy Great Martyr Demetrius, the Holy Martyr Tatiana, To the Holy Martyrs Sergius and Vach, Saint John of Prislop, Saint Pious Herodion of Lainici, Saint John Jacob the New (*the Hosevite*), Saint Ilie Lăcătușu, Father Justin Pârvu, Father Arsenie Papacioc, Father Adrian Făgețeanu, Father Ioanichie Bălan, Father Ilie Cleopa, Father Sofian Boghiu, Father Professor Dumitru Stăniloae, who had a firm, unwavering attitude towards paganism, papism, atheism, ecumenism and all the trials that the Romanian people have gone through through time. We wish with hope, faith and love in God to follow the Holy Path of the Metropolitans of Wallachia (Muntenia), Saint Hierarch Niphon, Saint Hierarch Martyr Anthimos the Iberian, Saint Hierarch Callinicus of Cernica, so that together with all the clergy and the faithful people, dressing ourselves with all the weapons of God, we may fight for the Truth and for our Holy Orthodox teaching and order, so that at the Last Judgment, without fear you can give the good answer: "Behold me and the children whom God has given me".

May God help us. AMEN!

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